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All Correspondence to

5th May, 1954.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,  
CLEVELAND, 6, OHIO, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the establishment of the Reform Movement in this Country, the founding of this Congregation and the outstanding ministry of Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weiler whom you know personally.

As part of the celebrations programme planned for the year a special Anniversary Brochure will be published. As an outstanding personality on the world scene we would be grateful if you would contribute a congratulatory letter to Rabbi Weiler on his great achievements as pioneer architect and guiding spirit of our movement in South Africa. This letter will be printed in the Brochure.

As you know, Rabbi Weiler has been of invaluable assistance to the community as a whole, regardless of race, colour or creed. He has expended himself on behalf of all positive Jewish causes, especially these connected with the upbuilding of the State of Israel.

We would appreciate receiving your message as soon as possible, as the Brochure goes to the printer on the 1st of June.

Sincerely,

*D. H. Arrow*

RABBI D.H. ARROW.

P.S. Please find enclosed some data about Rabbi Weiler and his fruitful work.



EXCERPT FROM NEWSPAPER REPORT ON RABBI DR. M.C. WEILER.

In the twenty-one years that he has spent in South Africa Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weiler has remained true to his motto: "nothing Jewish or human is alien to me," and the record of his achievements strikingly proves his success in many fields and the amazing versatility of his interests.

Very few South African Jewish leaders are as well known to the international Jewish world as is Rabbi Weiler. He is a great humanitarian - a man who fights for justice in every sphere of social life. The following are some of the organisations, local and overseas, Jewish and non-Jewish with which he is associated in a leadership capacity.

Rabbi Weiler holds the life appointment as Chief Minister of the United Jewish Reform Congregation of Johannesburg; he is Hon. Life President of the South African Union for Progressive Judaism and President of its Ecclesiastical Board; he is a Vice-President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism; Hon. President of the Israel Maritime League; Vice-President and past Chairman for three years of the South African Friends of the Hebrew University; Hon. President of the South African Ort-Oze and former Chairman of that organisation; Vice-President of the Magen David Adom; National Vice-President of the Israeli United Appeal; Vice-President of the South African Jewish Appeal; a member of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies; an Executive member of the Zionist Federation; a member of the Executive of the Histadruth Ivrit; a member of the Joint Council for Africans and Europeans.

South African Jewry is most fortunate that it has in its ranks such a personality as Rabbi Weiler, a man who has during the past 21 years of his life given himself unstintingly day and night to the interest and well-being of his Jewish and non-Jewish fellowmen. In the history of our community, Dr. Weiler and his achievements will occupy one of its most shining chapters.

## UNITED JEWISH REFORM CONGREGATION OF JOHANNESBURG .

Rabbi Weiler built up the Congregation from a membership of four, twenty-one years ago, to its present membership of 3,500, with 1,000 children in its Hebrew Schools. There are 300 part-paying families in the Congregation with the same privileges as full-paying members.

Rabbi Weiler also assisted in founding and establishing Reform Congregations in the main centers of South Africa, Capetown, Durban, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, Springs and Germiston.

The following are some of the social-welfare activities of the Johannesburg Congregation, administered through its Sisterhood:

The Sisterhood billeted 100,000 soldiers during the war, regardless of creed, and sent thousands of "Glory Bags" (gifts and comforts) to the fighting soldiers in Israel.

It has spent £12,000 on its school for native children in Alexandra Township, a slum district of the African population adjacent to Johannesburg, where it helps to teach, feed and clothe 265 children. It has purchased in the same locality, a new building at the cost of £1,250, which it proposes to convert into another school, perhaps a Vocational Training School. It has adopted a native Secondary School at Pimville, where 357 boys and girls of high school age receive their education. The Sisterhood has helped them with hundreds of text books, including an Encyclopaedic Britannica, with prizes, a bursary, sports equipment and bicycles.

The Congregation has two Nursery Schools, administered by the Sisterhood, where children from affluent homes mix with children from broken homes and with children of working mothers. It is a veritable society of Jews and Christians, because the children are Jewish, English and Afrikaners.

The Congregational Camp situated at Margate on 10 acres of land with permanent facilities, has benefited over 2,000 Jewish children in the last ten years. Children from poor and broken homes have mixed with children from wealthier homes on an equal footing, the motto of the Camp being, "The rich and poor meet together - the Lord is the Maker of them all." (Proverbs ch. 23, v.2) The Camp has also provided a Family Camp for the lower middle class income group, where men, women and their children spend a holiday during the month of December. The Camp has been made available to the West Rand Cripple Association, which has sent many children, most of them Christian, for a month's holiday.

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May 16, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope you will not think that I am imposing upon you, knowing how busy you are and realizing your concern with the very serious problems which the Zionist cause is now confronted with, but I should appreciate to have your opinion on the book, MODERN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE which you received in galley form some time ago.

I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen Roberts*

Allen Roberts

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*The Officers and Board of Directors of  
K. A. M. Temple*

*Cordially invite you to attend an  
Anniversary Service*

*honoring*

*Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein*

*on the occasion of his*

*Fifteenth Year*

*as Rabbi of Kehilath Anshe Mayriv*

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May 8, 1954


Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of March 31st with your acceptance to serve on the Honorary Committee for the forthcoming Hazamir Festival. We wish to assure you that, in lending your name to this worthwhile purpose, you are giving great moral support to this national, educational project.

We shall keep you informed of all new developments in the progress of our work, and remain,

Very cordially yours,

  
A. Z. Propes  
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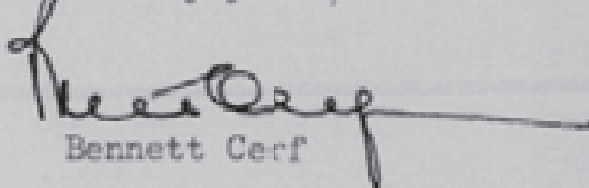
Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is just a line to tell you how much I enjoyed meeting you the other day. It was an honor to be allowed to speak in the temple that you have made famous by your own contribution.

I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you some time soon again.

Cordially yours,

  
Bennett Cerf

P.S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a couple of Random House books that I hope may be useful to you.

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May 11, 1954

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the May 2 issue of the Temple Bulletin and for the very fine display you gave to the YMCA's centennial and building fund interest. We all greatly appreciate the wonderful cooperation you have been giving us.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

*Fred W. Ramsey*  
Fred W. Ramsey  
For the Board of Trustees  
Young Men's Christian Association  
of Cleveland

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May 14, 1954

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf, President  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Cerf:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note and for your gracious gift of books which I received this morning.

It was a great pleasure for me to meet you and it was a delight to listen to you. The great throng that turned out to hear you was delighted with your address, as you yourself must have sensed.

I hope that we may have the pleasure of having another visit from you in the not too far distant future.

With warmest regards and again thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the lovely books, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AUBA HILLER SILVER

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May 14, 1954

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein  
Kehilath Anshe Mayriv  
50th Street at Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Rabbi Weinstein:

I have been on the go these last ten or twelve days and I regretfully failed to send you a message of greetings last Friday on the occasion of your fifteenth anniversary as Rabbi of K. A. M. Temple and your twenty-fifth year in the Rabbinate. I hope that you will regard these belated greetings as no less sincere.

I pray that many more years of your fine and distinguished ministry will be vouchsafed to your community and to American Israel. I wish for you all your heart's desire.

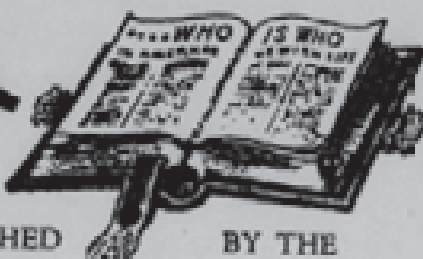
Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*Born:* Neinstadt-Schirwindt, Lithuania, Jan. 28, 1893

*Parents:* Moses and Diana Seamon Silver

*Married:* Virginia Horkheimer, Jan. 2, 1923

*Children:* Daniel Jeremy, Raphael David

*Residence:* 19810 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, O.

*Study:* E. 105th St. and Ansel Road, Cleveland, O.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, rabbi of the Temple of Cleveland, O., is one of the outstanding Jewish leaders of the present day. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in 1915 and ten years later he received his D. D. degree from the same institution. Before coming to his present pulpit, he was rabbi of Eoff Street Temple of Wheeling Va., from 1915 to 1917. He has won fame far and wide as an eloquent speaker and has lectured widely over the United States. He took a prominent part in social movements, sponsoring the first employment insurance law in Ohio, taking an interest in child labor legislation and serving on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union. He has been especially active in the work of the Hebrew Union College, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, of which he is now president. He has also been extremely active in the work of Jewish Education and in the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Silver has long been an active and ardent Zionist. He attended a number of Zionist Congresses and has been extremely active in the American organizations. He was vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, a member of the Zion Actions Committee, the Council of the Jewish Agency and the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. He was a member of the Brandeis-Mack group which opposed the actions of the Organization from 1921, but gradually returned to them and rose in leadership until in 1945 he became president of the Zionist Organization of America. He has been a consistent critic of the British government's action in Palestine and has again and again appealed to American opinion in behalf of the Zionist cause. He and Samuel Untermyer organized the anti-Nazi boycott and he played a prominent part in the development of the Jewish Agency.

His writings include "Messianic Speculation in Ancient Israel" (1927), "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" (1928), "Religion in a Changing World" (1930) and "World Crisis and Jewish Survival."

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*as Rabbi of Temple Sinai*

*on Friday, May the fourteenth*

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*Temple Sinai*

*Twenty-eighth and Webster Streets*

*Oakland, California*

May 14, 1954

Telegram

RABBI WILLIAM M. STERN  
TEMPLE SINAI  
TWENTY-EIGHTH AND WEBSTER STREETS  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR  
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ABRA HILLEL SILVER





May 16, 1954

Telegram

MR. LEONARD RATHNER  
PARK SYNAGOGUE  
3325 EUCLID HEIGHTS BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW DEEPLY I REGRET MY INABILITY TO BE PRESENT AT YOUR MEETING THIS EVENING. I BROUGHT BACK WITH ME FROM MY MEETINGS OUT OF TOWN A SEVERE COLD AND I COULD HARDLY GET THROUGH WITH THE SERVICES IN MY OWN TEMPLE THIS MORNING. PLEASE CONVEY TO THE MEMBERS OF PARK SYNAGOGUE MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATION AND TO RABBI ARMOND COHEN WHOSE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADER YOU ARE CELEBRATING THIS EVENING.

I WANT TO JOIN HIS HOST OF FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS IN TELLING HIM HOW FRUITFUL AND BENEFICENT HIS MINISTRY IN CLEVELAND OVER THESE YEARS HAS BEEN AND HOW MUCH HE HAS MEANT TO US ALL. HE HAS CHAMPIONED THE POSITIVE VALUES OF JEWISH LIFE WITH COURAGE AND DISTINCTION. I PRAY THAT MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD HEALTH AND LEADERSHIP WILL BE VOUCHSAFED TO HIM IN OUR MIDST.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



**RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN**

CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 18, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend,

It was certainly thoughtful and a great kindness on your part to think of me and to send your very warm greetings on the occasion of our celebration.

I want you to know that I appreciate and treasure your friendship.

Most cordially,

*Armond E. Cohen*

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*Hope you're OK. Love now!*



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BERNARD KATZEN  
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May 20, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I understand that you will be in New York on May 25th. I would very much like to call on you for a short time during that day at your convenience. I would appreciate it if you could have your secretary advise me as to the time and place. I can be reached in New York at Plaza 5-1948.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

*Bernard Katzen*

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Phoned N.Y. 5/21

left message to have Mr. Katzen  
call AHS at Hotel Astor in N.Y.,  
May 25<sup>th</sup>



## Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
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May 20, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Silver:

The Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity is embarking on a wonderful new project, and I am writing to ask your help.

In brief, the undergraduate and alumni members of the Fraternity are starting a campaign to raise scholarship funds to the ultimate end that on each and every campus where we have a chapter there will be a "Zeta Beta Tau Foundation Scholarship" to be awarded, first, to a needy brother, or if not needed by one of our own, to some other worthwhile student.

To start this campaign off with the prestige it should have, I am asking you and other distinguished alumni, or honorary brothers, to serve on a sponsoring committee. To permit us to use your name will not obligate you in anyway to either contribute dollars or your time--though it is my hope that you will want to do so.

I enclose a brief memo which tells the story of the Foundation.

This is truly "brotherhood in action" and I urge you to indicate on the enclosed self-addressed postal card that we can count on your help.

Faithfully yours,

L. Reyner Samet:jad  
Enclosure

Enclosed postal card  
returned (Affirmative)

May 20, 1954

Telegram

Mr. Jack Martin  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

HAVE WIRED NIXON ABOUT INVITATION TO ADDRESS ZIONIST CONVENTION THURSDAY, JUNE 24th. HAVE NOT YET HAD RESPONSE. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD CONTACT HIM AT ONCE AND PERSUADE HIM TO ACCEPT. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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May 21, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 156th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am very grateful to you for your message of felicitation on the occasion of my twentieth anniversary celebration with my Congregation which was held on Friday evening, May 14th.

It was good of you to acknowledge my invitation and to express such warm good wishes. Your sentiments of affection and regard are heartily reciprocated.

Fraternally,

*Bill*

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[May? 1954]

Dear Colleague:

Your generous message  
added greatly to my  
Simecha. The esteem of our  
colleagues is a very  
sustaining prop in our  
profession. I hope always  
to merit yours.

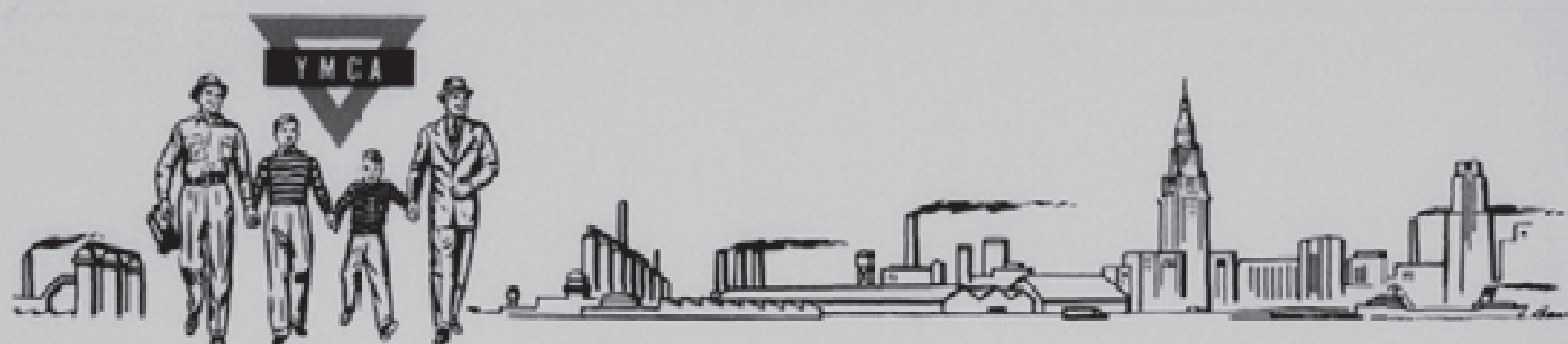
May the summer be  
pleasant for you and yours.  
I enjoy reading Dennis's sermons  
in your bulletin -  
Thank you  
Jacob



*Your gracious remembrance of our anniversaries  
contributed to the joyful significance of that day.  
We know that you meant it, also, as a tribute  
to our wonderful Congregation and the work it  
has been doing for God and man. We hope  
always to be worthy of your affectionate esteem.*

*Sincerely,  
Jacob and Janet Weinstein  
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June 3, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Campaign Committee of the YMCA, as well as myself, I wish to sincerely thank you for the assistance you have afforded us in giving the benediction at our Kickoff Dinner.

Yours very truly,

*Carmen W. House*

Carmen W. House  
Campaign Director

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THE YOUTH CLEVELAND BUILDS - BUILDS CLEVELAND

COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS IN THE YMCA

Introduction

The Young Men's Christian Association is the oldest Christian movement organized on a world scale. It was founded in London, England, on June 6, 1844.

The YMCA is perhaps the most inclusive of the Christian world movements, since it embraces members of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Churches and enlists in its activities many members of other faiths. In some countries the YMCA is predominantly Eastern Orthodox, in others Roman Catholic, and in others Protestant.

The YMCA is an operating unit in 77 nations.

"There is wide diversity within the YMCA Movement. Each National Movement is autonomous; it cannot be required by any central authority to adopt a uniform policy or program. This type of organization has the advantage of facilitating adaptation of the YMCA to different social and religious environments. Policies established in some associations do not necessarily represent the opinion of the whole YMCA movement...

"Although there is great freedom of operation among local Associations, there is a central tendency in the YMCA Movement, and there are official statements of policy. There is a basic unity within the diversity. A large measure of consensus and coordination is achieved through National Councils of YMCA's and the World's Alliance of YMCA's with headquarters in Geneva."\*

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1. Historic Christian Basis of the YMCA

A. From the beginning the Young Men's Christian Association has been frankly and positively Christian in purpose. It has sought to unite young men who believe in Jesus Christ and to associate them in efforts to extend the kingdom of God. It has not sought to enroll them in any given church or to infringe upon their accepted beliefs with respect to any established faith. The YMCA is universal in character.

\*THE YMCA AND CERTAIN INTERCONFESSIONAL QUESTIONS, presented to the Executive Committee of the World's Committee, Athens, Greece, September 4, 1952

3. The YMCA has always conceived its chief contribution to be in the application of Christianity to daily life. Its field of emphasis is not "faith and morals" but the bearing of Christian principles on personal living and social relationships.

The YMCA has sought to penetrate or impregnate its program with the teachings of Jesus, to have young people acquire Christian habits and attitudes by precept and example.

The YMCA uses its program consciously for teaching purposes. In stressing social adjustment where needed, habit formation, and the development of knowledge, skills and interests as well as experience in democratic living, the YMCA has an excellent opportunity to practice applied Christianity.

The YMCA staff is experienced in the ways and techniques of applying Christian principles to the normal, everyday pursuits of young people. Baseball, swimming and other activities purposely bring to bear the need for fair play, concern for other people, reverence; i.e., Christian ethics.

Meetings and meals in such programs as summer camps, Hi-Y, Gra-Y and others are preceded by prayer. On Sundays at camp young people are not only encouraged but enabled to attend the church service of their choice.

YMCA staff men are expected to have a sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Their professional training stresses group work, physical education and leadership skills. Courses in religion are prerequisite to certification as a YMCA secretary. The underlying principles and motivation are comparable to those required for service in the church.

C. "The YMCA has always been a lay movement. It has carefully avoided administrative control by any ecclesiastical organization. It has sought no official relationship with any church body, except consultative status and friendly partnership in Christian work. It is not a substitute for the Church; it is supplementary to the Church."\*

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## 2. The Relations of the YMCA to the Churches

A. The first YMCA on the North American Continent was founded in Montreal on November 25, 1851, one month before the first YMCA in the United States in Boston. These Associations and the others that soon came into existence were founded and led by churchmen. John R. Mott, one of the world's great spiritual leaders gave his leadership to the YMCA's main objective: world brotherhood under the banner of "common loyalty to Jesus Christ."

What is the YMCA today and what is the measure of its cooperation with the church? This is the official statement of purpose printed on membership cards throughout the nation:

"The YMCA we regard as being a world-wide fellowship of men and boys united by a common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of developing Christian personality and building a Christian society."

Dr. Floyd L. Sampson, head of the Department of Religion at the University of Denver has written:

"The personality objectives of the Y are to build in persons integrity, idealism, confidence, purpose, responsibility, a creative approach in a destructive age, and respect for persons."

B. The current public interest in spiritual matters and the increase in church membership are reflected in the growth of concern with spiritual matters in the YMCA. In many ways the churches and the YMCA have been brought closer together; they have followed parallel courses.

Several factors have contributed to this community of spiritual concern:

- the rise of secularism in the last three or four decades.
- the development of new social attitudes such as non-discrimination on the basis of race or color.
- the growth of interest in the social sciences and the human approach as opposed to the scientific.
- the renewal of emphasis upon the individual instead of the state.

As a result, some four decades ago, churches began to express their awakening social consciousness by building recreational facilities, such as gymnasiums and swimming pools. Realizing a social as well as a spiritual obligation to the communities in which they were located, they entered into programs of social action.

In most cases they soon found themselves in an unfamiliar role. It was only natural that they often turned to the YMCA for assistance in a field which the YMCA itself had developed -- social and recreational programs with a character-building purpose. The YMCA, too, abandoned many of its specifically religious types of programs and launched even more extensively into recreation fields.

Today in Cleveland several YMCA Branches are located in recreational facilities built by churches. In many other instances the YMCA uses church facilities for youth outposts operated away from YMCA buildings.

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### 3. The YMCA Has Changed Its Methods But Retains Its Basic Religious Emphasis

A. The tremendous social changes in American life that occurred during the first 50 years of the 20th century made it necessary for the YMCA to change its methods, but it has not altered its basic Christian approach to people. The change in character of the American population, more diverse and complex, was reflected in the YMCA membership -- non-religious as well as religious, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

B. The YMCA became more urban in character; it also was decentralized. The Cleveland YMCA, serving an extremely diverse population, began to establish Branches in specific neighborhoods, so that the YMCA carried on different types of programs in different neighborhoods, seeking to meet purely local needs. One area was largely Slovenian and Roman Catholic, another largely Anglo-Saxon and Protestant, another largely Negro, still another largely Jewish. These Branches are incorporated into an Association with a central administrative body which permits a large degree of autonomy on the part of local groups.

C. The inclusive character of the YMCA, as dissimilar as its various elements were, began to be a source of strength and solidarity. In a complex society where divisive influences were strong, the YMCA became a uniting and healing force. Its boards and committees brought together persons of all races and faiths. Under such circumstances sectional differences tended to become less important and racial outlook was broadened.

Today the YMCA is different, as the churches are different from what they were in the 19th century. But the basic religious emphasis is the same.

Originally the YMCA program contained a high degree of formal religious education. Bible classes and religious libraries were integral to each Association. Today, for the most part, this has been replaced with a modern concept -- a Christian emphasis which embodies the spiritual development of the individual within the framework of his particular faith, be he Roman Catholic, Protestant or Jew.

An appropriate creed for the YMCA today might well be this sign in a Buffalo YMCA lobby:

"Be you Jew, Catholic or Protestant, the YMCA respects your religious faith and confidently expects your cooperation in maintaining an atmosphere and activities with its own Christian character and commitments."

Harry B. Taylor, Chairman  
Charles H. Smith  
Clyde F. Varner  
Clarence F. Deeter  
Wayman H. Thomasson

MEMORANDUM

FROM: W. H. Thomasson, Assistant to General Secretary

SUBJECT: YMCA Sunday

It is respectfully requested that you and your church take part in YMCA Sunday.

For a full century in Cleveland the Young Men's Christian Association has been in active partnership with the Church -- a partnership with a purpose i.e., giving young people the groundwork for adult lives of service to God.

Attached to this memorandum you will find a 3-page statement, briefly outlining religious emphasis in the YMCA, prepared by a sub-committee of the Y's Public Relations Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry B. Taylor.

The Y was founded in London, England, on June 4, 1844. It came to Cleveland on February 28, 1854. The organizational meeting here was held in the First Baptist Church.

After the Civil War young men members of the First Presbyterian and Plymouth Congregational Churches were largely responsible for building the Y as we know it today. Two of those young men were Joseph B. Meriam and Charles E. Bolton. A few years later the Cleveland Y also helped to found the Wyckliffe Presbyterian Church.

The Y was one of the products of a vigorous evangelical movement stirring to life in England during the 19th century. The founder was a 23-year-old English farm boy, apprenticed to a dry goods merchant in London. His name was George Williams.

The Industrial Revolution had brought thousands of young men seeking jobs into already crowded cities. Williams wanted to do something to relieve their miserable living conditions and, at the same time, to bring them closer to God and the better life. He was strongly influenced by the writings of an American evangelist, Charles G. Finney, noted for his "strait morality and lack of denominational emphasis."

Just to place this subject in your minds and to provide some of the historical "color" of the 1850's in Cleveland, the following is quoted from an early history of the Cleveland YMCA by Russell Thompson:

EARLY CLEVELAND CONDITIONS

"The meeting from which the Cleveland YMCA dates was called by this advertisement appearing under the head of "BUSINESS NOTICES" in the CLEVELAND HERALD of Tuesday, February 28, 1854.

"Young men's Christian Association -- This Association will meet on Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the lecture room of the 1st Baptist Church, on Seneca street, for the election of officers, and other business. The young men, and others interested, in Cleveland and Ohio City, are invited to attend.

S. B. Shaw, Secretary pro tem.

"For Cleveland the decade beginning about 1850 was the period of transition from colonial conditions to distinctly city life.

"The appearance of railroads made it so. Previously, connected with other points only by stage lines and occasional and slow lake boats, it was in relative isolation. The first railroad, the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, was opened from Columbus on February 1, 1851. Within two years three other lines were added: the Cleveland and Pittsburgh, the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula, and the Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland. By their connections these lines gave rail communication with the seaboard and with the more distant west.

"Telegraphic communication had been opened and illuminating gas had been provided in 1849. Cleveland was increased by consolidation with Ohio City, as the West Side was named, on June 5, 1854. The "Soo" canal was opened in 1855, starting Cleveland's iron ore business, and petroleum refining was begun in the city in 1856.

"For years after the founding of the settlement on July 22, 1796, the population of the place was of small consequence. The federal census found 1,075 people in the village in 1830. In 1840 it had grown to 6,071. By 1850 the federal census reported 17,034. City enumerations made out populations of 21,140 for 1851, and 25,670 for 1852. By 1860 the federal census indicated that the growth had reached 43,838.

"In 1850 the region between Perry Street and Willson Avenue, still but slightly occupied, was annexed to the 'city.'

"In her 'History of a Cleveland School,' Miss L. T. Guilford speaks of walking from the Weddell House "through the spreadout, bustling place to the outskirts and the pavilion" at the corner of Ontario and Prospect streets, in 1848. "Cleveland had at that time but three wards, and presented very little the aspect of a city. It was a large village of 15,000 people, approached only by stages and by summer steamboats. A beautiful place, I thought, with its white houses almost buried in trees and shrubbery. The pavilion stood appropriately removed from the business center; the long avenues which now stretch from it in every direction were then only roads, and soon paths under native forest trees, turning brown and yellow those October days."

"Community interests were concentrated within a small territorial compass. The influential element, at least, of the



population was still homogeneous, and the nearness and accessibility of all locations involved facilitated intercourse. Efforts and tendencies looking to the inception of social organizations had at least one advantage over those of recent years, in the absence of the serious obstacle presented by the great distances characteristic of modern Cleveland.

"This advantage was conspicuously true in regard to the religious interests of the day, a fact pertinent in connection with the history of Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association effort. The Association in its Cleveland beginning was strikingly an affair of interdenominational church work, a fact to which too much significance can hardly be attached, both in considering the forces which supported and brought the institution into existence and in considering the influences which the institution has exerted, is exerting and will probably exert in the future.

"Seven of the prominent churches of the day -- the decidedly preponderant group -- were located not over a square distant from the Public Square, and every one of prominence was included by extending the field to Erie Street, all within the modern downtown business section. These churches, indicated upon the diagram, may also be distinguished in the view of the Cleveland of that time which fortunately may be presented in this connection."



-- From History of YMCA  
by Russell Thompson  
(Published 1901)

Rabbi Morton C. Dierman

Dear Rabbi Silver - June 5, 1954

I am utilizing your beautiful  
poem "America" as a Choral reading  
in our Confirmation Service tomorrow  
evening. It is most effective. Incidentally  
I was confirmed by you, 27 years ago -  
June 6, 1927. Seems like yesterday! Philadelphia -  
Morton

# *Confirmation Services*

SHAVUOS, 6th OF SIVAN, 5714  
SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 6th, 1954  
AT 7:30 P.M.



*"America, America, thy bounty fills our land,  
We come to thee, o'er soil and sea,  
The sons of every land.  
The fires of God restore us,  
Our ancient wounds depart;  
With balm we heal each burdened heart;  
Thy promise lies before us."*

*— Rabbi Louis I. Newman*

**RABBI**  
MORTON C. FIERMAN

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## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	<i>Improvisation on Shovuos Themes</i>
ANTHEM — "Hallelujah" .....	<i>Lewandowski</i>
	Temple Choir
PRAYER FOR SHOVIUOS .....	<i>Rabbi Krohn</i>
PROCESSIONAL OF CONFIRMANDS	
"Marche Romaine" .....	<i>Gounod</i>
"Blessed Be Ye" .....	<i>Rabbi Fierman</i>
"Boruch Haboh" .....	<i>Idelsohn</i>
	Temple Choir
OPENING PRAYER .....	<i>Phyllis Herzberg</i>
FLORAL OFFERING	
The Seed .....	<i>Hope Raskin</i>
The Plant .....	<i>Rebecca Weisberg</i>
The Flower .....	<i>Hollis Schiffman</i>
The Fruit .....	<i>Glorianne Engel</i>
READING FROM THE TORAH	
Torah Blessings .....	<i>Confirmands</i>
Exodus XX .....	<i>Max Ramenofsky and Alan Wick</i>
READING OF THE HAFTARAH	
Haftarah Blessings .....	<i>Confirmands</i>
Isaiah XLII: 1-12 .....	<i>Paula Garber and Robin Golden</i>
RETURN OF THE SCROLL	
"Ets Chaim" .....	<i>Schlesinger</i>
	Temple Choir
SILENT MEDITATION	
PATRIOTIC PRAYER	
"God Bless Our Land" .....	<i>Kountz</i>
	Temple Choir
CHORAL READING	
"America" .....	<i>Rabbi A. H. Silver</i>
	Confirmands

### THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA

1654 - 1776

Prelude .....	<i>Joel Adler</i>
Hebraic Mortar and Democratic Foundations .....	<i>Judith Chernin</i>
Early Beginnings .....	<i>Glorianne Engel</i>
Colonial Settlers .....	<i>Henry Frank and Louis Friedman</i>
The Young American .....	<i>Robert Kauffman</i>
Jewish Sons of the Revolution	
.....	<i>Douglas Halpern and Michael Kamper</i>
Haym Solomon .....	<i>Lawrence Robbins</i>
Jewish Daughters of the Revolution	
.....	<i>Paula Garber and Robin Golden</i>
ANTHEM — "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" .....	<i>Brabms</i>
	Temple Choir

## "FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"

Jews in the War of 1812.....	<i>Samuel Kaplan</i>
Mordecai Manuel Noah .....	<i>Phyllis Herzberg</i>
Jews in the Civil War.....	<i>Cyril Kobey, Jr.</i>
Jews in the Winning of the West.....	<i>Donald Rogow</i>
Spiritual Heroes of Reform Judaism	
<i>Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise</i> .....	<i>Max Ramenofsky</i>
<i>Dr. Stephen Wise</i> .....	<i>Jerry Jacobs</i>
ANTHEM — "I Will Extol Thee" .....	<i>Costa</i>
Temple Choir	

## AMERICAN HERITAGE

### JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Public Service .....	<i>Robert Rosenberg</i>
Science and Education .....	<i>David Roberts</i>
Music and Entertainment .....	<i>Hollis Schiffman</i>
Literature, Drama and Journalism.....	<i>Barry Stern</i>
Commerce, Business and Labor.....	<i>Rebecca Weisberg</i>
Land Where My Fathers Died.....	<i>Hope Raskin</i>
Of Thee I Sing .....	<i>Alan Wick</i>

ANTHEM....."America The Beautiful"  
Temple Choir and Congregation

DECLARATION OF FAITH.....*Confirmands*

ANTHEM — "Father See Thy Suppliant Children".....*I. S. Moses*  
Confirmands

### PRESENTATION OF ROBERT NEDERLANDER AWARD

### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

*Mr. Harry Rosenzweig, President of the Congregation*

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*Mrs. Leo Blumberg, Sisterhood President*  
*Mr. Harold Tenenbom, Men's Club President*

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS.....*The Rabbis*

ADORATION AND KADDISH.....*Rabbi Krohn*

CLOSING PRAYER ..... *Judith Chernin* |

BENEDICTION ..... *Rabbi Fierman* |

RECESSIONAL — "Psalm 150".....*Schlesinger*  
Temple Choir

*The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the reception  
honoring the Confirmands immediately after the services*

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5714-1954

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Dr. Abba H. Silver III,  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver;

Having almost completed a manuscript for a book of information for Church members, I should like your personal permission to quote briefly from your article on the Messiah in the Encyclopedia of Religion. If you do not care to have your name mentioned in connection with the reference, I shall respect your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Chapman.

June 22, 1950

Mr. Carl E. Chapman  
Box 237 D, Route 1  
Clairton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chapman:

I have no objection to your quoting from my article on the Messiah in the Encyclopedia of Religion, but I should like to know just what you are quoting for inclusion in your book before I grant permission.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLES SILVER

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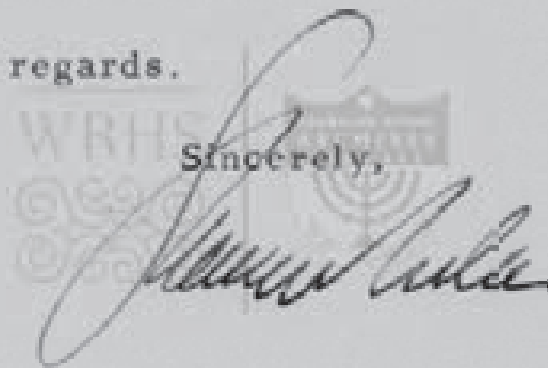
June 22, 1954

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have talked with General Smith about the subject we discussed in April. Whenever you are down here and find it convenient, I know that General Smith will be happy to see you.

Personal regards.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely of Dwight D. Eisenhower, is written over a faint, circular official seal of the White House. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Rabbi of the Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hough Area Council rejoices with you in the wonderful tribute that is being established by your congregation in the Silver Park.

Your leadership and that of your congregation has for many years made a great spiritual contribution to this community. This guarantee that your beautiful Temple will remain in this community with the addition of a park to add to its beauty is a tremendous contribution to the physical improvement of the area.

It is our belief that this progressive step on the part of the people in your congregation in your honor will encourage others to invest in the improvement of this community and, in that way, multiply their contribution manyfold.

Sincerely yours,

*Dawson W. Kelly*  
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President

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July 2, 1954

Major John Berry  
Cleveland Hopkins Airport  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Major Berry:

I read in yesterday's press of your decision to retire from your post as Cleveland's first airport commissioner after twenty-nine years of service, and I want to join your host of friends in extending to you all my good wishes upon your retirement and for the future years of rest which you have so richly deserved.

You have meant much to the life of our city, and you have contributed very much indeed to the development of air transportation in the United States. Your name will always be associated with the great airport of Cleveland which you established and which you helped to develop.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to know you through these years. The many times that we met at the airport and chatted have always afforded me real pleasure. Your life has been significant



and you have enjoyed your work. What more can  
any human being ask for?

With warmest regards in which Mrs. Silver and  
my sons join me most heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas





Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President  
838 Fifth Avenue New York 21 N.Y. Regent 7-8200

July 6, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba

As you probably know, Jonah Wise, who for more than eighteen years has been exclusively responsible for the programming of the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL, has for the past several years given the Union the privilege of inviting the guest speakers on this nation-wide broadcast.

Because this year we wish to devote a month apiece to the most powerful and effective radio speakers in the American rabbinate, it is my pleasure and privilege to extend to you a cordial invitation to be guest preacher on the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL for the month of November 1954.

I sincerely hope that you can accept this invitation. Of course you may transcribe all of your four sermons as I realize that you conduct services at your own Temple on Sunday mornings.

Enclosed please find our usual rules for speakers.

Looking forward to your early "affirmative" reply and with warmest personal greetings I am

As ever

*Maurice*

Maurice N. Eisendrath

MESSAGE OF ISRAEL

838 Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.  
David J. Wise, Program Director

Phone: REgent 7-8200, Ext. 13  
Room 704, 65th and 5th Avenue

----- SPECIAL MEMORANDUM TO ALL GUEST SPEAKERS -----

FROM: D. J. Wise RE: Rules for sermon preparation. TO: Rabbi Silver.

1. Each sermon is due in our office two (2) weeks before the date of broadcast. That means your first sermon is due on 10/22, your second on 10/29, your third on 11/5, and your fourth on 11/12. Or all may be sent in at one time and recorded at one session at your local ABC outlet.

The deadline for the submission of all of your sermon topics plus a brief biographical sketch is the 15th day of the month preceding that on which you will be heard.

Your cooperation in complying with these deadlines will be greatly appreciated.

2. Generally speaking, all out-of-New York speakers will be recorded. You will be advised by your local ABC station when and where to report. Please see to it that exact timing of sermon is on disc when shipped to New York. It is not necessary for you to contact your station; they will contact you, unless we notify you otherwise.

3. All "live" New York originations come from Central Synagogue, 55th and Lexington Avenue, in Manhattan. New York speakers will please report by 9:30 a.m., New York time.

4. All sermons must be submitted to us in quadruplicate (4 copies). Please make no deviations from the text on broadcast without advising us two weeks in advance.

5. Sermons should be approximately 10 minutes in length (4 double-space typed pages).

6. The last sentences of your sermon are the cue sentences. They must never be changed...nor must anything be added after them.

7. It is not mandatory but would be appreciated if you would begin your address with the words "thank you"...NOT "thank you, Dr. Wise" but just plain "thank you."

8. Due to a revision of the U. S. Copyright Law (Jan 1, 1953), you are hereby forbidden to use any direct quotations from any copyrighted material (material less than 56 years old) unless you send us a letter from the author or publisher giving "permission to the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL to use this material on the air and in copies to be distributed to listeners."

You are to procure said written permission yourself, and send it in along with your sermon itself.

PLEASE TURN OVER

If you are in doubt as to the copyright status of any material or need assistance in clearing material, you can check same with Miss Margaret Marnell, Manager, Literary Rights Division, American Broadcasting Company, 7 West 66th Street, New York City (SUsquehanna 7-5000, Ext 472). (Naturally we assume you will give her the courtesy of sufficient advance notice.)

Due to the great difficulties involved in clearing poetry quotations for use on the Networks, you are requested to use them sparsely.

Please indicate in the text of your talk the exact source of all quotations, whether or not you think they are recognizable.

9. The "MESSAGE OF ISRAEL" RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY ANY SERMON IN WHICH THE ABOVE RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED. Consult us if you have any problems.

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5-15-54



# Berry Quits As Airport Chief Here

**Ends 29-Year Career  
In Aviation; Plans  
To Live in Florida**

**BY RALPH PLATT**  
News Aviation Editor

Major Jack Berry, hard-bitten engineer who laid out the country's first transcontinental air mail route then settled here to develop Cleveland's Municipal airport as one of the most important terminals on that route, wrote this to-



**Maj. Jack Berry**

day to an illustrious aviation career.

Twenty-nine years to the day that the airport was opened, Berry resigned as the city's first airport commissioner. He will continue on the city payroll for the next three

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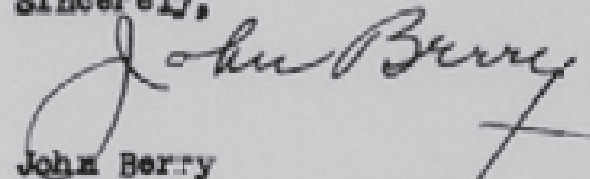
Your kind letter of July 2nd makes me realize  
how much I am going to miss you when I leave  
Cleveland for my home in Florida.

We have had many pleasant moments together while  
waiting for your trip, and it has truly been a  
privilege to me to know you through these years.

You will always be in my heart as a true and loyal  
friend.

Best wishes to you always.

Sincerely,

  
John Berry  
COMMISSIONER OF AIRPORTS

JB:al



July 8, 1954

TELEGRAM

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IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, RABBI JULIUS GORDON. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHIES. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING RABBI GORDON FOR MANY YEARS. HE SERVED THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN JUDAISM WITH RARE DEVOTION AND DISTINCTION, AND HIS PASSING WILL BE A GREAT LOSS, NOT ONLY TO HIS CONGREGATION AND TO HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT TO AMERICAN JEWRY. PLEASE CONVEY MY PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHIES TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



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# TRUE CONFESSIONS MAGAZINE

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July 9, 1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In order to dignify the word "confession," and give added importance to this widely-read magazine, I am planning to publish a series of sermonettes called Confessions from the Bible.

These Biblical confessions, of course, should have an application to our life today, and hold a lesson for us. I wonder what you consider your favorite confession from the Bible, and if you would not like to write it for publication in True Confessions?

I want, if possible, to keep these sermonettes to around 800 words, but if more wordage is required, I will furnish the space.

My thanks to you, and my respects

Always,



William C. Lengel  
Acting Editor

WCL/lrm

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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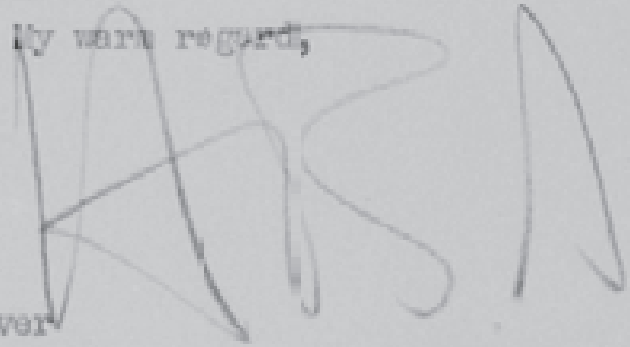
9 July 1954

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am wondering if you could arrange your program in such a way on next Thursday ( 15 July ) so that you can drive down to my place in the country for a wholly informal dinner. Or, if you prefer, I suggest that we meet at my office at about 4 o'clock and have what Charley Murphy, the Tammany leader, used to call a "set-down."

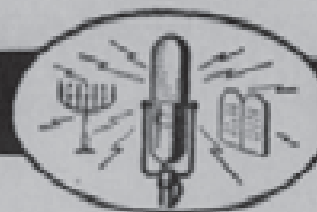
My home is at Sands Point. It takes about 45 - 50 minutes from the city.

My warm regards,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

# MESSAGE OF ISRAEL



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July 16, 1954

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Rabbi Eisendrath and all of us here in New York are wondering if you received his letter dated June 29, 1954 inviting you to be the guest on the "Message of Israel" for the month of November, 1954. I hope that that letter did not go astray.

As Rabbi Eisendrath said, both Father and he and all of us here hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, as it is our desire to feature on our program during the coming year the outstanding preachers of our Faith.

It may interest you to know who the preachers will be for the other months. So far, they are as follows:-

September - Rabbi Solomon Freehof  
October - Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
December - Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman

I sincerely hope that you can accept our invitation and that you will let me know in the shortest possible time

Since our usual mimeographed Instructions to Speakers was enclosed in the other letter, I am not enclosing another, but will be glad to send one to you if you so desire.

May I hear from you soon.

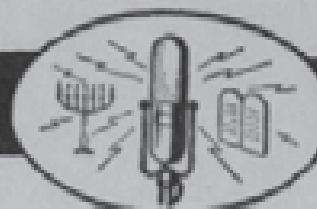
Cordially yours,

*David*  
David J. Wise ✓

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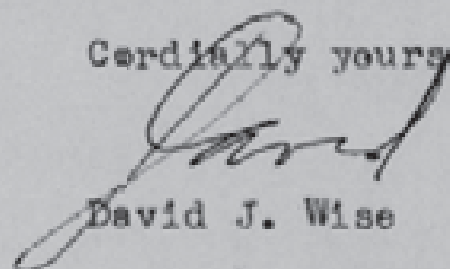
July 16, 1954

Dear Friend:

You will have received another letter today which has some wrong information. At least it was dictated in error. It should not have been written as I had no right to expect a reply yet, tho naturally it would be appreciated if you had made up your mind by now. In my letter I assumed--in error--that your letter of invitation had been dated June 29, but actually it was sent July 6.

My apologies, therefore, for apparently trying to rush you; but I sincerely hope that the answer to Dr. Eisendrath's letter will be forthcoming in the not too distant future.

Cordially yours,



David J. Wise



HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
745 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

19 July 1954

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I read with much interest the monograph on "An American Policy in the Middle East." I should like to keep the article or, failing that, be supplied with a copy.

One suggestion I have to make: there should be an addendum at the close in which explanations are made of the various references of incidents not otherwise explained such as Enot Yaacov; Suez Canal blockade; Scorpion Pass; etc.

In this way the document will be a self-contained unit and will not be restricted to the use of the cognoscenti.

What is meant by the change in the United Nations leadership - a change that made for deterioration?

Has Arabian oil anything to do with the present attitude toward Israel?

My thanks for the information you supplied.

Warm regards

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'HBS'.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

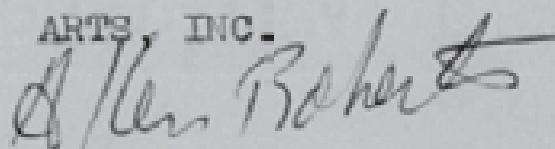
A few months ago we mailed you the book, STRUGGLE FOR  
TOMORROW: Modern Political Ideologies of the Jewish  
People.

We realize that you have tremendous pressure of work  
and, therefore, have not been in touch with you to get  
your opinion and possible endorsement of this book.

If it is possible at the present time we should greatly  
appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ARTS, INC.



Allen Roberts

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July 26, 1954

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope  
745 Fifth Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Swope:

At Rabbi Silver's request, I am enclosing a reprint of his address before the Zionist Organization of America Convention on June 24, 1954. He suggests that you give particular attention to the statement of Sir Winston Churchill on the final page of this publication.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

enclosure

July 27, 1954

Mr. Allen Roberts  
Arts Inc., Publishers  
667 Madison Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of July nineteenth. Rabbi Silver is presently out of the city on an extended trip. Your letter will be brought to his attention on his return in several weeks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
745 FIFTH AVENUE  
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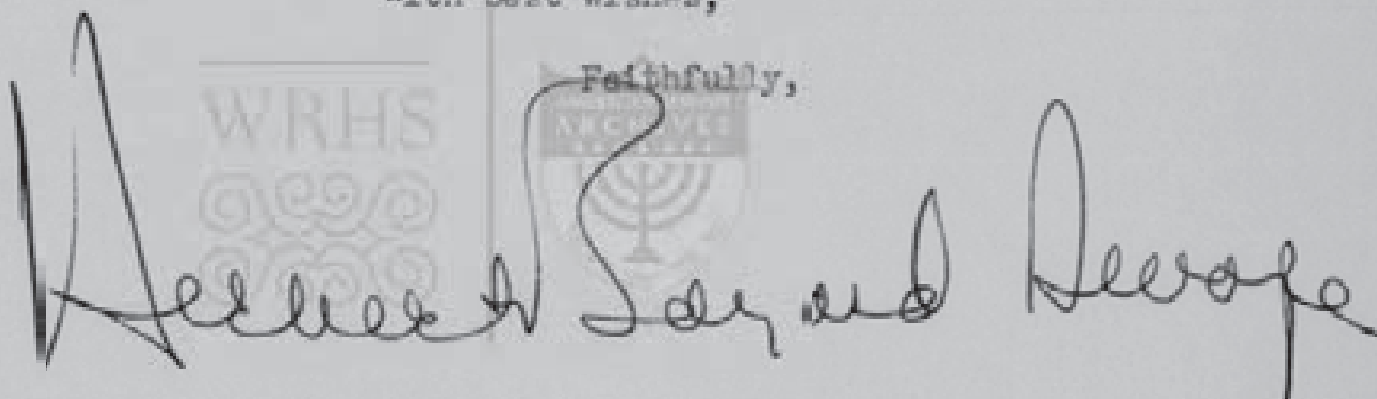
26 July 1954

My dear Miss Sparrow:-

I am glad to receive Dr. Silver's  
speech. If You have some extra copies, I  
wish you would forward them to me as I would  
like to put them into helpful hands.

With best wishes,

Faithfully,

The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It begins with a large, stylized 'H' and ends with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right. The name 'Swope' is clearly legible at the end of the signature.

Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street - Ansel Road  
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

July 28, 1954

Mr. David J. Wise, Director  
~~Message of Israel~~  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the "Message of Israel" series for the coming season. However, I regret that the pressure of work will not permit me to accept this commitment for this year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas



# Keuka College

Keuka Park, N. Y.



July 29, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I have your kind permission to reprint your selection, "America's Making" (begins "God built him a continent of glory..."), in my manuscript, WORSHIP RESOURCES, to be published by Harper & Brothers?

I should be pleased to send you a copy of the book when published.

Every good wish.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles L. Wallis".

Rev. Charles L. Wallis

[July 9, 1954]

*The family of  
Julius Gordon  
acknowledges with grateful  
appreciation the kind expression  
of your sympathy*

OHIO UNIVERSITY  
ATHENS, OHIO

OHIO HISTORY CONTEST  
DISTRICT-STATE SCHOLARSHIP

August 4, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Activities are already underway for Ohio University's Eighth Annual Awards Competition. This is an activity which emphasizes Ohio history, government, and citizenship. Additional information is found in the enclosed bulletin.

Over 5,000 interested pupils will take an objective test in October similar to the sample included in this letter. Winners in the 88 counties will be invited to the Ohio University campus to participate in the final essay examination in November. It is in this latter connection that I am writing to you at the suggestion of President John C. Baker.

Would you be willing to submit two or three questions on Ohio history, government, and citizenship? As you will note from the enclosed essay questions used in past years we try to cover a broad field in a general way rather than demanding recall of specific facts on a narrow topic. Furthermore, we try to secure the participation of representative Ohioans who are interested in stimulating the scholarship of our youth. We would like the privilege of making minor editorial changes to the degree that the style of the questions submitted by three separate people will have some similarity.

I want to express the appreciation of Ohio University students and faculty for your consideration of our request for your help. I am certain that the pupils of the state will receive an added thrill from the fact that you have participated in their activity.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl H. Roberts*

Carl H. Roberts, Chairman  
Ohio History Committee  
Ohio University 314,  
Athens, Ohio



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10th August 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba Hillel Silver:

No doubt the recent investigations into various organizations which have been unethical in their practices has come to your attention. With regard to this, as you undoubtedly know, a law has been passed in New York State whereby every organization, regardless of its record, must at this time, obtain authorization as per the attached card.

I believe it was some time in 1946, or early 1947 that I contacted you to enlist your sponsorship of the National Council to Combat Blindness and its important FIGHT FOR SIGHT drive. Your warm response at that time has helped immeasurably in the accomplishments of this organization. The National Council is performing what I believe to be one of the most needed services in our nation and the world.

Under your sponsorship eye research awards have gone forward to almost every major eye center in our nation and others in various sections of the world. Scientists are working under FIGHT FOR SIGHT grants in an effort to determine the causes, effective treatments and cures of the many blinding eye diseases and visual impairments responsible for so much human suffering and deprivation.

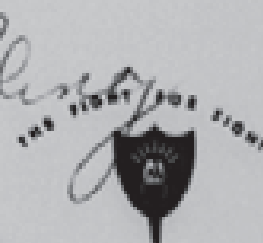
My association with this organization has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my life and you have my assurance that the support which comes to it is conscientiously used for the purposes to which it is dedicated. The National Council to Combat Blindness has no professional fund raisers, has, engaged in none of the practices which have been frowned upon during the enquiries into charitable agencies, its administrative costs are kept to a minimum.

I would appreciate your signing the enclosed card and returning it to me at your earliest convenience.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely,

*Daniel A. Poling*  
Dr. Daniel A. Poling  
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JACK MARTIN ADM ASST TO THE PRESIDENT= MONDAY AUGUST SIXTEENTH

August 18, 1954

Rev. Charles L. Wallis  
Keuka College  
Keuka Park, New York

Dear Dr. Wallis:

Rabbi Silver is pleased to extend to you permission to reprint his poem, "America." I am enclosing herewith a copy. The poem is copyright.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Consent given to  
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Att: Daniel A. Poling

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Aug. 18, 1954

August 18, 1954

Mr. Philmore Haber  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

Following up the matter of Mrs. Bolton, you may be interested in the enclosed memorandum which contains Mrs. Bolton's anti-Israel statements during the course of the hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

When you are through with it, I would appreciate it if you would return the memorandum to me.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:ras

July 1, 1954

Mr. Philmore Haber  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I am enclosing herewith the Daily News Bulletin of June sixteenth which gives some facts about Representative Frances Bolton and her contribution to the hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee recently.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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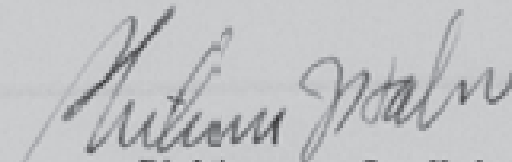
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

I am returning herewith the memorandum enclosed with  
your letter of August 18th, 1954 as you requested.  
I hope we may be able to discuss this matter in the  
near future.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Philmore J. Haber.

PJH/MM  
Enc.

August 19, 1954

Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, Editor  
The Churchman  
118 East Twenty-eighth Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

In the issue of THE CHURCHMAN, August, 1954, I came across the creed of "The Liberal" on page 12. It is stated there that the author is unknown - anonymous. This creed of the liberal I wrote some years ago, and it was published in my book, RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD (1931), pages 145-146.

I thought that you would wish to have the information.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rns



Aug. 1954

day and evenings from Monday to Thursday. Members of the press kept a vigil at the headquarters on the nights when the hearings were going on. This surprised Dr. Bunche. One member of the press explained to Dr. Bunche that this investigation had really got the press down. Expressions of confidence and offers of assistance poured in from individuals and religious, civic and labor organizations. On Friday, Ernest A. Gross, counsel for Dr. Bunche announced the full and unanimous clearance of his client.

THE EIGHTEENTH SESSIONS of the Economic and Social Council are being held in Geneva from June 29 to approximately the 6th of August.

M. J. M.

## THE LIBERAL

THERE is a creed which the untired and undaunted liberals of all time have lived by. It is this:

We believe in man, in his slow ascendant progress, in the autonomy of his spirit and the primacy of his aims of all forms of human organization.

We believe in freedom—the fullest measure of freedom compatible with the fullest measure of responsibility.

We believe in authority. But only in authority sanctioned by reason and consent.

We believe that the only tools of social progress are education, experimentation and cooperation.

We believe that to be well governed is not as important as to be self-governed, that values bestowed are not as valuable as values achieved. Hence, we reject all manner of millenniums proffered to us at the spear-point of dictatorship.

We believe that all truth is made manifest through the contact and clash of diverse opinions and that the very motive power of progress is the free exchange of ideas and the exercised privilege of nonconformity.

We believe in tolerance, but not in indifference, in enthusiasm but not in fanaticism, in convictions but not in obsessions, in independence but not in isolation, in conflict but not in hate.—*Anonymous.*

## The Open Forum

(Continued from page 8)

### WOMEN CLERGYMEN

TO THE EDITORS: In reading a recent copy of your magazine I noted an article on "Women Clergymen." It seems strange to me that The Salvation Army was not mentioned. Many years ago Mrs. William Booth, the wife of the

founder of our organization, fought practically a lone battle for the right of women to preach the Gospel. Most certainly The Salvation Army for many years has been outstanding in this field, not only preaching in halls and churches but on the street corners as well and commanding our Corps which are, of course, comparable to a church with its congregation. When the Army stood practically alone in this field it was opposed by many people in the church who attempted to deny women the right to preach the Gospel, saying that we were not in harmony with scripture, etc.

H. FRENCH  
Lt. Commissioner

San Francisco, Calif.

### MY THANKS

TO THE EDITORS: I'd put my typewriter in hock to keep on reading THE CHURCHMAN. After I read copies, I give them to a neighbor whose body is incapacitated but whose mind is in very good trim, so he appreciates them. To you, my thanks.

EDWARD M. BROOK  
Hornell, N.Y.

### MORE AND MORE

TO THE EDITORS: Although I have had but a short acquaintance with THE CHURCHMAN, I like it immensely and hope that it may continue and increase more and more with its message of peace, good sense and good religion.

MARY M. RALL  
North Miami Beach, Fla.

### THE AGE OF ATOM PEACE

When we consider how the world will bloom

When we have chained for use its  
nuclear powers

Everything in nature will be ours;

The stars that weave their course on  
heaven's loom,

The proud machines that seed the  
future's womb.

When we consider how the shining  
hours

Will sing on deserts brought to fruit  
and flowers,

On tides tamed, on mountains mowed  
for room;

Oh hour our hearts, an awful joy  
inspiring

Vision the hour when we have won  
release

To live like men, to men's estate  
aspiring,

For then the age of atom war will  
cease

And in our human good we stand  
desiring

The human age, the age of atom  
peace.

MILDRED BURGUM

## A PLEA FOR SANITY

By Henry Knox Sherrill

Excerpts from a commencement address by the Presiding Bishop at Wheaton College.

DU TO THE tragic experiences of recent years and to the fear as to what the future may bring forth, prejudice born of emotion is playing a dangerous role. If any one doubts this, discuss with several people the policies of Messrs. Acheson and Dulles, the congressional committees and civil rights, academic freedom and communism, Red China and the United Nations, free enterprise and governmental subsidies, to mention only a few explosive subjects.

We have come to the point where many seem to feel that the end justifies the means. Moral standards and judgments, knowledge of the facts give way to unreasoning emotional denunciation. Epithets take the place of discussion. On the one hand the terms communist, socialist, egg head, do gooder, bleeding heart, traitor, are hurled, and from other sources we hear such phrases as exploiters, the giveaway and the plunder boys. I speak from some experience. Let anyone take a stand on almost any of these and other questions and he is deluged with letters, signed and anonymous, of the most unreasonable and vituperative nature.

One difficulty is that many people tend to be absolutists. A question has only one answer. A matter is either white or black. Whereas the truth is, in this imperfect world, most questions, particularly in the political field, are not of such easy solution. I am not saying that no decisions should be made. But these decisions should be made on the basis of knowledge, poise, and cool judgment.

Unfortunately, common sense does not necessarily go with a college degree and many college graduates are as unstable as anyone else. But ideally this should not be the case. A college education should have built a respect for reason, an understanding of the broad sweep of human history, with the knowledge of past events which have made the present crisis. I am speaking of more than factual knowledge though, rather of a quality of mind which should be the possession of an educated man or woman. In an insane world we can all of us try to the very best of our ability to be sane, to be wise, and to be just. This will be best for the world and for ourselves as well.

File:  
Herbert B. Swope

August 20, 1954

American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs  
1737 H Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would very much appreciate receiving three or four copies of your "Report From Washington" dated July 1, 1954 if they are available. That is the issue in which Dr. Silver's address, "American Policy in the Middle East," is excerpted.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

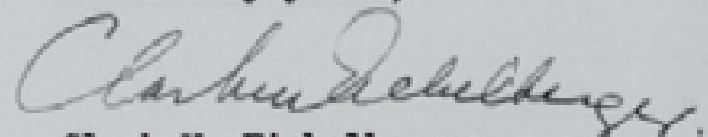
On October 11, 1954, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will celebrate her seventieth birthday. A group of her friends together with our Association, is planning to signalize this occasion by organizing a tribute in her honor. This tribute will take place in New York, but will be observed by many who cannot be with us on this day.

We are asking you to mark this occasion by sending a message to Mrs. Roosevelt which will be presented to her in a bound volume of tributes on October eleventh. Your tribute will be included with those of world leaders with whom she has worked at the United Nations, government officials in many countries, outstanding persons in the arts and sciences, and the many persons in all stations of life who have crossed her path.

We would appreciate it if you would address your message to Mrs. Roosevelt, care of the 70th Birthday Committee, American Association for the United Nations, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, N.Y., and have the message to us by September twenty-fifth.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

  
Clark M. Eichelberger

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August 24, 1954

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for letting me know that you are the author of that remarkably fine statement, "The Liberal." I picked it up from another journal—I don't recall what one at the moment—when it was designated "Anonymous." Thus the lack of proper credit. I might have known it was you!

With warm good wishes always, \

*Guy Shipler*  
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August 24, 1954

Rabbi Aba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Once each year, at campaign time, the Community Chest prints a newspaper -- "The Herald" -- which is mailed to every residence in Greater Cleveland.

This year, we are planning an article which will discuss the three faiths working together to make the 1954 Community Chest campaign a success, and for illustration, we would like to use your photograph, along with those of Dr. Harry Taylor and Bishop Hoban, to represent the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic faiths here in Cleveland.

If this is agreeable, may we request a head-and-shoulder photograph which we could use for reproduction. However, since our deadline date is rather pressing, it is urgent that we have the picture sometime this week. If you do not have a head-and-shoulder photograph available, we would be happy to make one for you.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter, and if there is any further information I can give you, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,



Dale Brown  
Chairman  
Public Relations Committee



August 26, 1954

Mr. Dale Brown, Chairman  
Public Relations Committee  
The Community Chest,  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15 Ohio

Dear Mr. Brown:

In response to your letter of August 24, we are enclosing herewith a head-and-shoulder photograph of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver which we trust will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

AP:f  
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Harvard Law School - Israel Cooperative Research  
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August 27, 1954

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some time ago we sent you a copy of an Israeli Succession Bill which became the subject of studies by the staff of the Harvard-Israel Research and by other American consultants. The Bill was later revised in the light of the American and other comments. We have just completed the translation of the revised Bill and are sending you a copy of it under separate cover.

We shall greatly appreciate any comments that you may care to make on the present version of the Succession Bill which we hope will soon be submitted to the Israeli Parliament for adoption.

Yours very sincerely,

*Joseph Laufer*

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August 30, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I wrote you on August 11th, we are publishing on September 13th Rufus Lears's *THE JEWS IN AMERICA: A HISTORY* which fills the long-felt need for a comprehensive presentation of the saga of American Jewish history.

We are eager to have you read this important new work, and are sending you an advance copy under separate cover. As an important member of the American Jewish community, a statement from you would receive very wide use; and if, after reading *THE JEWS IN AMERICA* you are so inclined, we would be very grateful.

Sincerely,

Lynn Caine  
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Carl E. Chapman  
Bx 237D, Rte 1,  
Clairton, Pa.

Aug. 30, 1954.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th St, Ansel Rd,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In checking my article with yours in Dr. Fern's Encyclopedia of Religion, I find that, for the sake of brevity, I have selected certain sentences.

As it now stands what I have used from your article on the Messiah is included in the following:

"There is no reference to the Messiah in the Old Testament. Not until the Apocalyptic Literature came to be are there any references to it in this sense. Previously, the term 'Messiah' was used to refer to kings, and high priests, who were especially considered to be consecrated in some way.

King Saul was called "Messiah Yahveh", the anointed of the Lord. During the many years of difficulties the Jews looked forward for a special leader to come to their aid as the anointed of the Lord. The prophets spoke of the coming of their great day of the Lord, when God's Kingdom would be established, the Jews being His chosen people. There was the hope of gathering together all of the Jews who were scattered in various lands.

After the Roman conquest, the eagerness for the Messiah's coming was increased. The Jews looked forward to a climactic change when 5000 years of history would be completed. Many expected a new period of a thousand years of universal righteousness and peace".

As a personal note, when I attended Ohio State University from 1912 to 1916, I was acquainted with a brilliant son of a Rabbi who had a synagogue on the south side. We were on the debating team together. I have forgotten the name, but very often I have wondered what ever became of this unusual young man.

I trust I may have your permission to use the above paragraphs.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl E. Chapman*

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11 Commerce Street  
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August 31st 1954.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to learn from Reyner Samet, that you had consented to lend your name in sponsorship of the Scholarship Fund Campaign, which will be formally inaugurated within two weeks from the date that you receive this note. I am sure that the prestige that will be given to the Committee through the use of your name, will be of tremendous value to those of us who are actually engaged in raising funds for what I consider to be one of the most worthwhile projects which our Fraternity has ever undertaken.

I have agreed to act as Chairman of the Campaign because it has always been my firm belief that one of the best means, whereby Zeta Beta Tau could illustrate the basic spirit of true fraternalism, is through the grant of scholarships to needy brothers, to assist them to complete their educations. In addition, it is my firm conviction, which I believe you will share with me, that through the means of such a Foundation, Zeta Beta Tau will be able to implement the many other advantages which it offers to students at colleges and universities where it has chapters, and thereby assist in meeting the numerous attacks which are presently being levelled against the American College Fraternity System.

I am taking this opportunity of forwarding to you herein, prior to its general distribution to our entire membership, a brochure outlining the background of the Foundation and its intent and purposes. I fully realize the many demands that are continually being made upon you, both for financial and moral support, but I want you to know that it is not our intention to embark on any high pressure campaign among either the sponsors or the State and City Chairmen, or general membership.

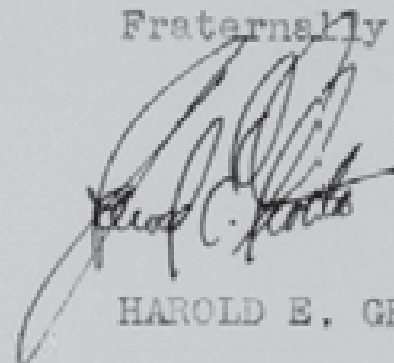
We have already received from a limited number of brothers, who are intimately connected with the work of



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Page Two  
August 31st, 1954.

the Foundation, several thousand of dollars. If you would care to make any contribution, it will, of course, be gratefully received, but in any event, please again be assured of the Fraternity's and my own appreciation for your cooperation.

Fraternskly yours,



HAROLD E. GROTTA.

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To The Membership of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity:

Dear Brothers:

Our Fraternity is embarking on a wonderful new project, and I am writing to ask your help.

In brief, the undergraduate and alumni members of the Fraternity are starting a campaign to raise scholarship funds to the ultimate end that on each and every campus where we have a chapter there will be a "Zeta Beta Tau Foundation Scholarship", to be awarded, first, to a needy brother, or if not needed by one of ours, to some other worthy student.

A distinguished group of alumni and honorary brothers have agreed to serve on a Sponsoring Committee. Past Supreme President Harold E. Grotta has undertaken to direct the drive.

This brochure tells the full story of the Foundation.

This is truly "Brotherhood in Action" and I know that we can count on your assistance.

Faithfully yours,

L. Reyner Samet

Supreme President, ZBT

# "Charity is Positive Action Growing Out of Comp

The need for a ZBT scholarship fund has been apparent for many years to those who have worked closely with our undergraduate chapters and brothers, resulting in the formation of The Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, Inc. in 1950. This non-profit organization was formed to handle the Fraternity's charitable as well as educational programs, as soon as it could arrange for the collection of funds necessary to carry on the work. Shortly after its organization, the proposed campaign for funds had to be temporarily shelved with the advent of the Korean War and the program to raise funds for our Service Men's Service.

During this period of time, three memorial scholarship funds were established following the untimely death of three ZBT Brothers who were each active in the betterment and welfare of our Fraternity.

The establishment of such funds not only brought many thousands of dollars for scholarship purposes, but also confirmed the fact that a Scholarship Fund is a vital necessity in this adult period in the life of our Fraternity. A study of the applications received from many Fraternity brothers proves conclusively that there are many worthy undergraduate members of Zeta Beta Tau, who have a demanding need for assistance in paying for their college educations.

The Trustees of the Foundation did not expect the flood of replies it received from a minimum amount of publicity regarding the first two scholarships to be awarded. In fact, the Selection Committee found it so extremely difficult to choose the two recipients from among the many undergraduates who fulfilled the high standards of need, scholarship and character, that the Foundation decided to resume immediately its major program to raise funds.

Most of the boys who were faced with the prospect of being unable to complete their college education without scholarship help were Juniors and Seniors, who came from families that had never expected the need of any financial assistance to help their sons complete their college education. Now, as upper classmen, unexpected financial reverses placed them in a position where they found themselves cut off from University scholarship aid because all such funds were committed.

Others, who had originally entered college with scholarships, and who, in addition to working part time, found that the minimum living expense in connection with their education was spiraling beyond their ability to remain in school. At such a time, where else could the spirit of true fraternity be expressed better than by being able to render assistance?

*The work of raising funds must be a joint effort by undergraduate members and alumni. Each group must in its way do its job.*

## Here Is How We Can Join Together To Raise Funds For This Activity

### Among the **ACTIVES**—

At the August, 1953, Atlantic City National Convention, the project was first presented to the undergraduates. At the August, 1954, Miami Beach National Convention, the undergraduate delegates and the convention approved an annual per capita contribution by each undergraduate member—present and future.

Such a contributory program will be similar to the successful method used during the last 25 years to create the major portion of the capital funds of the N.P.E.F. Corporation (ZBT's Endowment Fund).

The plan includes an annual subscription by each undergraduate member into the General Scholarship Fund of the Foundation in the total amount of \$5.00. The contribution is so small that it will not work an economic hardship on any undergraduate member.

### By **WILLS** and **BEQUESTS**—

A third part of the program will be a campaign to secure funds through wills and bequests of fraternity brothers and others, who are in the financial position to do so themselves or to help in securing such funds. This special program is being developed to reach all in Zeta Beta Tau who are attorneys or trust officers to

### Among the **ALUMNI**—

The Foundation Directors will raise the major portion of the Fund from the alumni of the Fraternity and others who might be interested in the creation of large scholarship aid. All alumni are being made aware of the necessity of such a fund, so that contributions may be sufficiently large to provide its benefits to undergraduates of every Chapter of the Fraternity.

In so doing, the Committee is asking each Alumni Club to participate by the appointment of a Special Committee to raise funds within its respective area. It will also conduct a complete program to raise funds from individual alumni brothers who are in areas not covered by such Alumni Clubs, as well as by general solicitation through various media.

the extent that they will have complete knowledge of our General Scholarships Fund. There are many occasions when fraternity brothers can make proper recommendations in their advice to clients to make bequests and gifts to such a worthy fund.

# passion for the Need and Misfortune of Others.”\*

## Memorial Scholarship Funds Created For These Three Brothers



Herman S. Rosenblatt  
Alpha Theta (Nebraska)



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The activities of these departed brothers in Zeta Beta Tau were so exemplary, and their interest in its welfare so well known, that immediately upon their respective deaths individual scholarship funds were created in memory of each of them. All such funds are now under the management of the Foundation. They are contributing to the general purpose for which the General Scholarships Fund has been created. Fraternity brothers have already found a factual meaning of our ritual.



## OUR GENERAL CHAIRMAN...



Harold E. Grotta

## Contributions Deductible For Income Tax Purposes...

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has declared that contributions made to The Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, Inc., are deductible by donors for income tax purposes and that the Foundation is exempt from payment of income tax. All bequests, legacies, gifts or transfers are also deductible. It is important to note that in the making of such bequests that they be made payable to The Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, Inc.

No funds are being expended from the Foundation for the purpose of raising money for the General Scholarships Fund, or for its administration, since a grant has been made by ZBT's N.P.E.F. Corporation for these purposes.

\* These words, heard by every ZBT at his initiation, give our ritual added meaning. Let's help them take on a real, day-to-day significance by being charitable to a less fortunate brother.

In the selection of a capable and experienced Fraternity brother upon whose shoulders would fall the active responsibility of conducting such an important fund-raising project, Supreme President Samet has appointed Harold E. Grotta, our immediate Past Supreme President for four years, as General Chairman.

All brothers know the tremendous amount of sacrifice in time and energy that Brother Grotta has made in the past decade in serving the Fraternity, and we owe a debt of gratitude to him for undertaking this most important assignment. Each one of us can best pay this obligation, both undergraduates and alumni alike, by supporting Brother Grotta and his Committee to make this General Scholarships Fund a reality.

## Faculties Everywhere Applaud This Fraternity Program...

The announcement that Zeta Beta Tau has created a General Scholarships Fund has been acclaimed by members of faculties and prominent educators everywhere, as the most important and progressive undertaking of any Fraternity.

Those who work with young men and help guide their destinies are aware of the growing demand for such funds.

We, as ZBT men, should likewise recognize that this need exists among our fraternity brothers. If we are in any position to be of help, now is the time to express our feelings in making a pledge or signing a check. Do it today!

### Mail the Enclosed Envelope Today

Enclosed is an envelope in which to make a contribution for this worthwhile activity. It will take but a few minutes of your time. It is easy to fill out. Enclose your check or pledge. This postage-paid envelope is provided for your convenience.

If you wish to send a partial payment, please do so and fill out the pledge, so we may have a record of your participation.

We cannot send funds to bombard you with a large number of letters . . . we must depend upon your understanding of the problem and your generosity.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Temple Tisereth Israel  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On January 16, 1955, our Congregation will honor its President, Jacob Sincoff, by a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. This is a mark of recognition of Mr. Sincoff's five years as devoted and effective President of our distinguished Congregation and his many years of dedicated service as National Treasurer and in other important capacities to the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, Zionist Organization of America, as well as to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

In view of Mr. Sincoff's services of national scope, we cordially invite you to serve as one of the Honorary Chairman of our committee and we trust you will favor us by your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
RABBI

CHARLES H. SILVER  
Dinner Committee

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September 8, 1954

My dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to send to you this pre-publication copy of THE JEWS IN AMERICA by Rufus Lears, which I will proudly publish on September 13-- in time to herald the American Jewish Tercentenary. It is my fervent wish that this saga will fill a long-felt need in American history. I hope it affords you many reading hours of pleasure.

I will welcome your comments.

Cordially



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

September 8, 1954

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
70th Birthday Committee  
American Association for the United Nations  
345 East 46th Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I regard it as a privilege to join your host of friends all over the world in paying tribute to you on the occasion of your seventieth birthday.

You have been a source of light and leading to our generation. Your consecrated services to the cause of tolerance, good will, peace, and cooperation among all the peoples of the earth have been a source of inspiration. In admiration and gratitude I salute you.

Most cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI EPHRAIM FRISCH  
810 WEST 110TH STREET  
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

Sept. 10, 1954

Dear Silver:

I happened to re-read your article "Why Do The Heathen Rage?", which I read at the time of its appearance and which I admired then and still admire.

I am interested in two quotations you used in this article - one from Matthew Arnold and the other from Leo Tolstoy - for possible use in writing. I located the Matthew Arnold quotation; it is from his "Literature and Dogma." But I couldn't find the quotation in Tolstoy's "Essays on Life and Religion" (I think this is the name of the volume) which I perused in the Columbia University library today. I would appreciate your dropping me a line, telling me the source.

In this connection, since I have always admired Tolstoy's appreciation of Jews and Judaism, I was surprised and rather shocked at his jibes at the Old Law, in connection with his exposition of the Ten Commandments in the section of this book which he calls "Fables for Children" (or something like this). He

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compares the Old Law to Jesus' interpretation,  
in every case to the detriment of the former.

With cordial greetings and best  
wishes for the New Year to you and your  
dear ones;

Sincerely,  
Ephraim Frisch





September 10, 1954

Mr. Carl E. Chapman  
Box 237D, Rte. 1  
Clairton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chapman:

I have no objection, of course, to your referring to my article in the Encyclopedia of Religion, but if you quote me, I would prefer that you quote me exactly and not in paraphrase.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

September 10, 1954

Mr. Charles H. Silver  
Jacob Sincoff Dinner Committee  
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun  
270 West 89th Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Silver:

Replying to your letter of September second, I shall be very pleased to serve as an honorary chairman of the committee which you are organizing to honor Mr. Jacob Sincoff.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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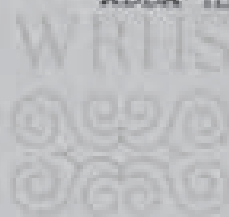
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



September 10, 1954

Mr. Philmore J. Haber  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I am enclosing herewith a brochure which will give you some of the information which you desired on the Jews of Palestine and the war effort. I would also refer you to Mr. Pierre Van Paassen's book, The Forgotten Ally, published in 1943, with a special reference to chapter 4, "The Best-Kept Secret of the War." The book is available in The Temple Library.

In the Contemporary Jewish Record, published by the American Jewish Committee, February 1942, you will also find an article on the Jews of Palestine and their contribution to the allied war effort. This volume too is available in The Temple Library.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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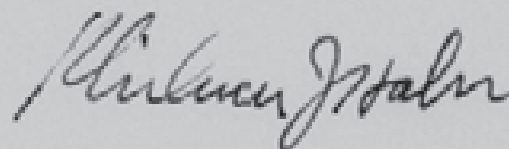
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your kindness in sending me the booklet  
on PALESTINE AT WAR - I found it helpful and interest-  
ing for what I wished.

Again with many thanks, I am, with kindest regards,

Most sincerely yours,



Philmore J. Haber.

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September 15, 1954

Mr. Ben D. Zevin, President  
The World Publishing Company  
Cleveland 2, Ohio

My dear Mr. Zevin:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the new book by Mr. Lears, THE JEWS IN AMERICA. I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

It is a fine thing that you have made available to the American public the story of the contributions of Jews to the founding and development of America and to the significant role which our people have played in its progress.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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REV. REV. BEVERLEY D. TUCKER  
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September 16, 1954

My dear Ruth:

I was proud to read this  
item in the Churchman, an Episcopal periodi-  
cal published in New York. You may have  
seen it, but I send it in order to ex-

express my love "Amen."

Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Cahich are  
high on my list of friends and religious  
leaders. I know that I called you Rabbi Cahich  
several times publicly at your celebration, but  
that was only the result of association of two friends  
in my heart. Either would be a compliment to the other.

Yours sincerely,  
W. B. V. V. V.

## ▼ A Liberal

In its August issue THE CHURCHMAN reprinted an article entitled "The Liberal," which was signed "Anonymous," with the statement that the author was unknown. It is a privilege to learn that this excellent creed of a liberal was written several years ago by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the distinguished rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, and published in 1931 in his book, *Religion in a Changing World*, pages 145-146.

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Rabbi Ephraim Frisch  
610 West 110th Street  
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My dear Frisch:

In reply to your note of September tenth, the Tolstoy quotation in my article, "Why Do the Heathen Rage?", is from a letter of his which has been reprinted in Chief Rabbi Hertz' "A Book of Jewish Thoughts," page 135, and Baron's "Stars and Dust," page 45. The latter gives the source of the letter, which was found in the archives of a Bulgarian count.

Tolstoy was a champion of Jewish rights and an admirer of the spiritual contributions of the Jewish people to mankind. He was critical of much in the religion of Judaism as he was in the religion of Christianity as it was accepted in the Christian world. As you well know, his great idealism and humanitarianism were matched only by his inconsistency on many things, both in theory and practice.

With all good wishes for a happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

The new King Saud of Saudi Arabia recently stated that Israel is like a cancer to the Arab world and that the Arab Nations would sacrifice up to tenmillion men in order to up-root it. King Saud's father likewise did not favor the establishment of the State of Israel, but he was smart enough not to do anything about it. He took it out in interviews. We hope that his inexperienced son will follow his father's footsteps. It would be better by far, if instead of planning to spend ten million Arab lives to wipe out Israel, King Saud were planning to spend some of his hundreds of millions of dollars of oil royalties which he receives from the United States, to improve the condition of the miserable, illiterate, disease-ridden Arabs in his kingdom -- millions of national wealth which he and his predecessors have been swandering upon themselves, their palaces, their luxuries, and their favorites. Wiping out Israel will not improve the lot of the millions of the exploited felahins in King Saud's empire.

This holds true also of some of the other rulers and political adventurers among Israel's neighboring Arab States who are hoping to make political capital for themselves and to gain prestige with their competitive saber-rattling against Israel by offering up an attractive scapegoat to their long suffering subjects and by turning their attention away from the miserable conditions in which they are compelled to live.

It is regretable that there has not arisen a single statesman of vision and courage in the Arab world to make the Arab peoples understand that their real future lies not in war, but in political, economic and social progress and reform and in the raising of the standard of living, of health and education of the masses -- objects which can be reached with the ready and eager cooperation of Israel. Such a cooperation would make the Near East where there is room for many times the present population, a prosperous and flourishing center of the world. The small State of Israel

represents only an infinitesimal fraction of the land area of that vast territory and of its potential resources.

The Arab rulers have so far resisted every effort of Israel and the United Nations to bring about a peace settlement which would pave the way for such a constructive development which would be of mutual benefit to Israeli and Arab alike. Rather they prefer to continue the cold war, sustained tensions, economic warfare, boycott and blockade, marauding and infiltration. They prefer to obstruct any effort which the State of Israel on its own and in its own territory wishes to make in order to utilize its own water resources in order to build up its own economy or any financial aid which might accrue to Israel from agreements with other nations such as that which was recently concluded between it and Western Germany.

The Arab rulers prefer to threaten as did King Saud and before him the King of Jordan who last year declared: "With the help of God, we shall take back what was lost to us." Trans-Jordania actually gained territory with the establishment of the State of Israel. Egypt has threatened. Likewise the spokesmen of Syria. Colonel Jaded who was chairman of the Syrian delegation on the Mixed Armistice Commission stated last February: "this land cannot hold both Arabs and Jews. There exists only one solution which we shall get: that this land shall be possessed only by the Jews or only by the Arabs."

The Arab League hopes to continue this condition of no-peace, no-war until it feels itself strong enough for war, until Israel is so weakened by its economic burdens and the Arab States so strengthened by the arms and military aid received from the United States that it will be in a position to attack with greater success than it had in 1948.



In view of these facts, it becomes increasingly difficult to understand our own government's eagerness to send arms to the Arab States. Surely our State Department must be fully informed of these purposes and avowals of the Arab States. Surely it knows that Israel has planned and is planning no aggression against any of its neighbors and is anxious for peace, and that it has requested time and again the American Government to use its best offices to bring about peace negotiations.

What is behind this determination of our State Department ~~to send arms~~ to the Arabs who leaders are prepared to sacrifice ten million men to wipe out Israel?

The United States helped in the creation of the State of Israel. It was the first government to recognize the newly established State. This was done in response to the overwhelming sentiment of the American people ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ which expressed itself in a hundred ways. This political and later on material assistance which was given by our government to the State of Israel was never viewed as an act of partiality towards Israel or as an act of unfriendliness towards the Arabs. The Arab people were likewise assisted by the United States and the Allied Nations to achieve their political independence and to set up new states and governments. They have also received financial and material aid from our government, as have dozens of other states.

Is it assumed for a moment that the arms which will be sent to them will be used by the Arab rulers to defend democracy and to fight Communist aggression? This must appear as incredible naivete to anyone who knows the history of that region. These rulers will not fight the Soviet any more than they fought the Nazis. The weapons will be used against Israel if these rulers have their way. They have left no doubt in anyone's mind about it.

That the American Government must send them arms and at the same time show that it is unfavorable to Israel lest these States swing into the Communist orbit is a form of black-mail which has been frequently employed by Arab propagandists and by their oil-men spokesmen in the United States. Communism would spell the ruin of these feudal lords. The argument is a fantastic hoax.

The American government has never shown favoritism to Israel. It should not now show favoritism to the Arab States at the expense of Israel and by arming them create a situation of mortal danger to the State of Israel. Israel asks no favoritism. It asks the cooperation of the American government to bring about peace in that part of the world.

There are outstanding problems between Israel and its neighbors, problems of refugees, reparation and resettlement which can be solved with good will as part of the over-all peace settlement. Once the representatives of Israel and the Arab States will get around the conference table in an earnest desire to find a mutually satisfactory formula for peace, these outstanding problems will not loom as forbidding and threatening as they seem at the moment. Nothing, however, can be gained by an attitude of intransigence, by vain threats or <sup>by</sup> any expectation that the State of Israel will grow weaker instead of stronger as the years go on.

# INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

## COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Please check the line which, according to your knowledge, gives the correct definition of the underlined word or term.

### I

1. Kol Nidre is a prayer in which we ask forgiveness for vows broken and sins committed against
 

a) fellow Jews _____	c) the government _____
b) all men, Jews and non-Jews _____	d) our own conscience (God) _____
  
2. The Shema Yisroel (Hear, O Israel) is
 

a) a prayer in commemoration of a joyful event _____	c) the name of a psalm _____
b) a prayer in which the oneness and uniqueness of God is proclaimed _____	d) a prayer recited only on Yom Kippur _____
  
3. A Mitzvah is
 

a) a dietary law _____	c) the name of a Hebrew month _____
b) the general name for any good deed _____	d) the name of a Passover dish _____
  
4. The Torah we read on Saturdays in the Synagogue contains
 

a) the writings of the Rabbis _____	c) the teachings of the prophets _____
b) the five books of Moses _____	d) the prayers for a whole year _____
  
5. Zedakah is
 

a) the name of a Biblical character _____	c) the Hebrew equivalent for the word "charity", and means justice _____
b) the New Year of the Trees _____	d) the name of a Jewish song _____
  
6. A Shofar is
 

a) a ram's horn which is sounded in the Synagogue on the High Holidays _____	c) the name of a Biblical city _____
b) a prayer shawl _____	d) the Hebrew name for the eternal light before the ark _____
  
7. Kiddush Hashem is
 

a) the prayer said for the dead _____	c) the opening words of a Hebrew poem _____
b) sanctification of God's name through noble behavior _____	d) the name of a city in ancient Palestine _____

8. Hamotzi is
- a) grace before meals \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) a blessing over fruit \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) a hymn \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) the name of an Israeli song \_\_\_\_\_
9. Yom Kippur is
- a) a High Holiday prayer \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) the day of rejoicing with the law \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) the weekly reading of the Torah \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) the Day of Atonement \_\_\_\_\_
10. The Talmud consists mostly of
- a) descriptions of wars in Biblical times \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) poems and tales \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) legal discussions and legends \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) sermons and moral exhortations \_\_\_\_\_
11. Kabbalah is
- a) a book of hymns \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) a term signifying Jewish mysticism \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) the name of a Sabbath prayer \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) the Hebrew word for repentance \_\_\_\_\_
12. The Bible was originally written in
- a) Latin \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Greek \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Arabic \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_
13. Derek Eretz is
- a) the traditional name for good manners \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) the Hebrew name of a special food \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) the name of a famous book \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) the name of a Hebrew writer \_\_\_\_\_
14. The word Bar Mitzvah means
- a) a circumcized boy \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) a boy who has reached the age at which he assumes the religious responsibilities of an adult \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) a devoted son \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) the Hebrew name for gift \_\_\_\_\_
15. The holiday of Sukkot reminds us of the time when the Jews
- a) crossed the Jordan \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) journeyed in the desert and lived in booths \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) received the Ten Commandments \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) completed building the Temple \_\_\_\_\_
16. The Haggadah is read on
- a) Rosh Hashanah \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Purim \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Passover \_\_\_\_\_



17. One of the heroes of Hanukkah is

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| a) Joshua _____ | c) Judah Maccabee _____ |
| b) Akiba _____  | d) King David _____     |

18. We associate the holiday of Shavuoth with

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| a) the victory of the Jews over the Amalekites _____ | c) the deliverance from Haman _____ |
| b) the revelation of the Law on Mount Sinai _____    | d) the eating of Matzoth _____      |

19. Simhath Torah is a Jewish holiday when we

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| a) rejoice with the law in the Synagogue _____  | c) read the Megillah _____ |
| b) celebrate the gathering of the harvest _____ | d) read Lamentations _____ |

20. Galuth (Golus) is

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| a) the concluding prayer of the Yom Kippur service _____       | c) the immigration of the Jews to Israel _____    |
| b) the Diaspora (the dispersion of Jews over many lands) _____ | d) the name for the northern part of Israel _____ |

II

1. The first patriarch of the Jews was

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|----------------|------------------|
| a) Moses _____ | c) Daniel _____  |
| b) Jacob _____ | d) Abraham _____ |

2. The father of the twelve sons after whom the tribes of Israel were named was

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| a) Abraham _____ | c) Jacob _____  |
| b) Saul _____    | d) Joseph _____ |

3. The Tablets with the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| a) Mount Carmel _____  | c) Mount Sinai _____   |
| b) Mount Lebanon _____ | d) Mount Everest _____ |

4. Moses is remembered as

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) conqueror of Palestine _____ | c) builder of temples _____ |
| b) teacher and law-giver _____  | d) high priest _____        |

5. King Selemen

- a) led the Jews out of Egypt \_\_\_\_\_
- b) built the first Temple in Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_
- c) was the first King of Israel \_\_\_\_\_
- d) led the revolt against the Romans \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Prophets were famous

- a) for their great military leadership \_\_\_\_\_
- b) for their readiness to arbitrate and compromise on social and religious issues \_\_\_\_\_
- c) for their insistence on minute ritualistic observances \_\_\_\_\_
- d) for their unbending devotion to the principle of absolute social justice \_\_\_\_\_

7. The prophet Jeremiah's advice to the exiles was

- a) to be loyal citizens wherever they will happen to live \_\_\_\_\_
- b) to refuse to adjust themselves to the conditions of the countries in which they will live \_\_\_\_\_
- c) to form guerrilla bands and fight for the restoration of the Temple \_\_\_\_\_
- d) to give up all hope of returning to the Land of Israel \_\_\_\_\_

8. Yavneh symbolizes

- a) the physical might of Israel in Biblical days \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Israel's desire to fight at all costs \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Israel's faith in the enduring value of learning \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Israel's longing for a homeland \_\_\_\_\_

9. Rashi was

- a) a famous Jewish atomic scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- b) a great cantor \_\_\_\_\_
- c) a Yiddish writer \_\_\_\_\_
- d) a commentator of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_

10. Marrano is

- a) a nickname for the natives of Israel \_\_\_\_\_
- b) an adherent of a mystic Jewish sect \_\_\_\_\_
- c) a Jew, who under the pressure of the Inquisition, lived as a Catholic in public and as a Jew in his home \_\_\_\_\_
- d) a Spanish Jewish center of learning \_\_\_\_\_

11. The saying "From Moses to Moses there has been no one like Moses" was said about

- a) Moses Hess \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Moses Montefiore \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Moses Maimonides \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Moses Ibn Ezra \_\_\_\_\_

12. Israel Baal Shem Tov (Besht) was

- a) the founder of the Zionist movement \_\_\_\_\_
- b) the founder of Hassidism \_\_\_\_\_
- c) a famous physician in the Middle Ages \_\_\_\_\_
- d) the founder of the Reform movement in Germany \_\_\_\_\_



13. Sabbatai Zevi was

- a) a Jewish general who led a revolt against the Greeks \_\_\_\_\_
- b) a famous medieval Rabbi \_\_\_\_\_
- c) the leader of a Messianic movement \_\_\_\_\_
- d) the name of the first Zionist colony established in Palestine \_\_\_\_\_

14. Bar Kochba was known because

- a) he headed the last revolt before Israel lost her independence to Rome \_\_\_\_\_
- b) he was the follower of Judah Maccabee \_\_\_\_\_
- c) he led the Jews from the Babylonian exile back to Palestine \_\_\_\_\_
- d) he compiled the Sidcur \_\_\_\_\_

15. Who made the famous challenge to God "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do Justly?"

- a) the Prophet Jeremiah \_\_\_\_\_
- b) the Prophet Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- c) the Prophet Elijah \_\_\_\_\_
- d) the Patriarch Abraham \_\_\_\_\_

16. Judah Halevi was

- a) a German Rabbi \_\_\_\_\_
- b) a Spanish Jewish poet \_\_\_\_\_
- c) a medieval traveller \_\_\_\_\_
- d) an English Jewish leader \_\_\_\_\_

17. The boy shepherd who grew up to become King, and was known as "Singer in Israel" was

- a) Gideon \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Eli \_\_\_\_\_
- c) David \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Samuel \_\_\_\_\_

18. The spiritual leader, who led Babylonian exiles back to Palestine, was

- a) Jacob \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Jeremiah \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Samuel \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Ezra \_\_\_\_\_

19. The Rabbi who told a heathen that the basic tenet of Judaism is "What is hateful to you, do not do unto others, and the rest is commentary", was

- a) Rabbi Akiba \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Rabbi Kook \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Rabbi Hillel \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Rabbi Jochanan ben Zachai \_\_\_\_\_

20. Jacob Schiff was

- a) a great American Jewish leader \_\_\_\_\_
- b) a Russian Yiddish novelist \_\_\_\_\_
- c) a famous German Jewish physician \_\_\_\_\_
- d) an Israeli general \_\_\_\_\_

III

Please complete the following sentences.

1. The great event in Jewish history which coincided with the discovery of America by Columbus, was \_\_\_\_\_
2. The name of an American Jewish organization which comes to the aid of Jews in distress all over the world is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Kishinev is known in Jewish history because of \_\_\_\_\_
4. Theodore Herzl was the founder of \_\_\_\_\_
5. HIAS is an American Jewish organization which helps \_\_\_\_\_
6. Dachau and Auschwitz are known as \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Dreyfus affair took place in (name of country) \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Beilis court trial in Russia accused the Jews of \_\_\_\_\_
9. The number of Jews killed by the Nazis is estimated at \_\_\_\_\_
10. The number of Jews living in the United States today is estimated at \_\_\_\_\_
11. The city in Israel sacred to members of the Christian, ~~Muslim~~ Moslem and Jewish faiths is \_\_\_\_\_
12. In 1954 American Jews will celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of their settlement on the soil of the United States.
13. Approximately how much money was raised since 1945 by American Jews for Israel and for relief in other countries? \_\_\_\_\_
14. The name of the country which first recognized the new State of Israel was \_\_\_\_\_
15. Isaac Leeser was a leader of the Orthodox \_\_\_\_\_ Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Reform \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
16. Isaac Mayer Wise was a leader of the Orthodox \_\_\_\_\_ Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Reform \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
17. Haym Solomon was a patriot in the war of \_\_\_\_\_
18. Louis D. Brandeis was \_\_\_\_\_
19. Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land and to All the Inhabitants Thereof is remembered in American history because it is inscribed on \_\_\_\_\_
20. Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, is part of the poem by Emma Lazarus inscribed on \_\_\_\_\_

1. If you received your Jewish education in the United States, please check whether you attended at:

Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_

Talmud Torah (Communal Hebrew School) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Hebrew School \_\_\_\_\_

All-Day School \_\_\_\_\_

Yiddish School \_\_\_\_\_

Private Instruction \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you affiliated with a Synagogue or Temple? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. If yes, please check whether: Orthodox \_\_\_\_\_ Conservative \_\_\_\_\_ Reform \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check the age group you belong to:

Under 20 \_\_\_\_\_; 20 to less than 30 \_\_\_\_\_;

30 to less than 40 \_\_\_\_\_; 40 to less than 50 \_\_\_\_\_;

Over 50 \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Please check whether: male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Were you born in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_ Abroad? \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable William Langer  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Langer:

We address this petition to you as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate and request that you refer it for investigation and report to the Sub-Committee on Civil Rights, of which Honorable Robert C. Hendrickson is Chairman, and which is entrusted with investigating infringements on civil liberties and the Bill of Rights.

We wish to call to your attention, and ask you to call to the attention of the Sub-Committee on Civil Rights, the use being made of the testimony by informers and the character of the persons whose testimony is being used to besmirch the reputations of American citizens, many of them Protestant clergymen and Jewish Rabbis, some of whom are no longer living and able to defend themselves.

We would make a distinction between informers and investigators employed by Government agencies. The investigator obtains information for the agency he serves but does not function as a public accuser. If the investigator uncovers evidence of criminal activity against a citizen, the citizen may be indicted and tried by due process of law. The informer is a public accuser. When functioning under Government protection or privilege the informer accuses with immunity. Up to now, informers, who have been profuse in accusations against fellow citizens, have not been cited for or charged with perjury in a court of law. Yet we have strong reason to believe that some informers who have traduced large numbers of citizens have not spoken the truth. Sworn admissions by some of them, conflicting statements at different times, and the testimony of ministers of the Christian Church and others as to the untruthfulness of various of these professional witnesses should be the subject matter of investigation by the Sub-Committee on Civil Rights.

We submit that any investigatory process, whereby citizens are subjected to attacks against which they have no opportunity for rebuttal, so that guilt is implied upon the ground of baseless accusation or mere association, is an un-American practice.



It is contrary to the citizen's constitutional rights of due process. Such a procedure, moreover, lays too heavy a burden upon the aggrieved citizens, who, in order to clear his name, must oppose the Government who sponsors the informer. It thus violates every American concept of fairness and the equality of all citizens before the law.

It is also our considered judgment that the character of some of the people whose testimony is being used in political trials and before Congressional Committees would be a fruitful subject for investigation.

Another pertinent subject for investigation would be the cost of overlapping investigations. Different Congressional Committees frequently follow the same trails, and the fact that a citizen has been subjected to attack under most trying conditions of publicity by one Committee by no means assures that he will not be subjected to the same experience before another. It concerns us that in a time of promised national retrenchment large sums of money should be spent in duplicate efforts to achieve what often appears to be propaganda and publicity rather than searching for information not already in the possession of the Committees.

A distressing feature of many of these Congressional Committee investigations has been the release to press and public of unverified information and gossip from supposedly secret files. Such public releases, even though the Committee giving them out disclaims having verified their truth, are inevitably accepted as having had Committee scrutiny, verification and approval.

We hope, therefore, that hearings will be held by the Sub-Committee on Civil Rights to investigate and report on the above matter, which, in our considered judgment, represents one of the greatest dangers to freedom of speech, press and religion which has ever confronted our country. Such an investigation should prove helpful in connection with various bills now pending which are designed to correct and improve the procedures of investigating committees.

Respectfully submitted,